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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Status of Reserve Personnel

1. CIA has agreements of long standing with each of the armed services that each civilian employee of CIA who has military reserve status will be given a mobilization assignment or designation to CIA, and will not be called to active service without the prior concurrence of the Director.

2. In order to provide means for such individuals to obtain inactive duty training credits to qualify under law and military regulations for continued active reserve status and reserve retirement privileges, reserve training units were formed within CIA for reserve personnel of each service (Army, Navy, and Air).

3. a. Some months ago our Army unit was reorganized to comply with new Army reserve unit policy. Through error in the Pentagon, which has not yet been corrected, a considerable number of our older employees were not assigned to the reorganized unit and thereby automatically lost their mobilization assignments to CIA.

b. Our efforts to correct this situation finally resulted in the attached letter from General Byers.

4. a. The 5 January letter from General Byers appears to indicate the following new Army reserve policy with respect to CIA employees who have Army reserve status, and are not declared available by the Director for call to active duty:

(1) Individuals with 20 or more years of active reserve service to be placed in the Honorary Reserve.

(2) Individuals with less than 20 years of active reserve service to have their reserve status terminated.

(3) Individuals terminated as indicated in (2) above to be eligible for reappointment in the reserve at such time as they are again available for call to active duty, if they can thus qualify.

b. It is probable that the intent of "availability for call to active duty" is for active duty with the Army rather than with CIA, as we have previously generally agreed with the Office of the Secretary of Defense not to request active uniformed personnel for positions not requiring such status operationally.

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5. As General Byers has based his letter on directives from Congress and the Secretary of Defense, we will undoubtedly be faced with a similar situation with respect to our civilian employees who have Navy and Air Force reserve status.

6. We have approximately 1,155 civilian employees who have military reserve status in ranks from junior enlisted men to senior field grade officers. Quite a number of these individuals do not hold military reserve rank comparable to their positions in CIA. For example, one of our assistant directors is a Lieutenant Commander of the Navy; and our General Counsel is an Army Captain.

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